

**COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**  
*Children, Families & Futures*

**FOCUS WEST ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

**2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Susan Melanson was unable to attend.

**3. Approval of December minutes**

**4. Presentation: Felita Price, Priceless Etiquette Institute**

- See attachment.

**5. Presentation: Gwendolyn Heard-Nelson, Marilyn Evans, and David Salomon – Kinship Family Service Center**

- See attachment.

**6. Children's Network Report – Denise McKinney**

- Children's Network 2005 annual report will be available at the February meeting.
- Denise promoted the 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Shine a Light on Child Abuse" breakfast on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also encouraged everyone to nominate someone for a "Shine a Light on Child Abuse" award.

**7. First 5 San Bernardino Report – Mary Jaquish**

- 2005 has been a wonderful year for First 5 San Bernardino.
- First 5 will be distributing a letter with new guidelines for securing a sponsorship from First 5.
- First 5 will hold some Community Forums with Richard Jarvis in March.

**8. Roundtable Discussion**

Dave Romo of West End Special Ed

- Busy working on West End SART, hoping to get it going soon.

Diana Fox of Reach Out West End

- They offer help for people dealing with substance abuse.
- Trying to start up a non-traditional after school program. – looking for people from the community to help.

Lynn Richards of Probation

- Starting Focus West program at Chaffey High School
- Trying to help students get back in the mainstream school system.
- Offering scholarships for Focus West classes.
- Some of the available classes are weapons diversion, substance abuse, and anger management.
- Working with Ontario PD.

Debra Guzman of Catholic Charities

- Back in Rancho Cucamonga – office is on Archibald between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- They help with utilities, rent, transportation, and other helpful services.

Wendy Medina of Assemblywoman Gloria McLeod's Office

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Health Fair at DeAnza Community Center on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Everything is free – there will be hot dogs, fingerprinting, and the Fire Department.

Rene Keres of South Coast Children's Society

- They're getting their first Wraparound family this month.
- Looking for Parent Partners. If interested, contact Rene at (909) 458-1315.

Blanca Perez of Project Sister

- Offering classes for child abuse prevention, self-defense, and domestic violence prevention. If interested, please call Blanca at (909) 623-1619

Elsa Baruch of La Curacao

- La Curacao will help struggling families with furniture and things for the home. They must have a caseworker and live within a 10-mile radius of the San Bernardino location.

Bob Bennett of Dept. of Aging

- Applications for Utility Assistance will be available. Please call (909) 458-1315 for an application.

Felipe Garcia of Inland Regional Center

- They work with disabled people of all ages.
- They have case management and act like advocates for the disabled.
- One of their goals is to help disabled kids into the mainstream.

9. **Next Meeting Date:**      **February 23, 2006**  
9:00 am to 10:30 am  
DeAnza Teen and Community Center  
1405 S. Fern St.  
Ontario, CA

Respectfully Submitted,

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